Holidays to Staff of CWC of Calcutta region

2713. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Labour Commissioner, Calcutta Region had issued instruction for allowing 16 days' holiday to all its staff including Chowkidars; and

(b) if so, the reason for which the management of Central Warehousing Corporation has not yet acted upto the instruction of Regional Labour Commissioner on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Punishment to Staff in Central Warehousing Corporation

2714. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending for review of punishment to its staff of Central Warehousing Corporation; and

(b) whether Central Warehousing Corporation has violated its own staff regulations relating to review of the case of one of its Chowkidars of Calcutta region since 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Regulation 69 of the Central Warehousing Corporation (Staff) Regulations, 1986 relating to review provides that the reviewing authority as specified in these Regulations may call for the records of the case within six months of the date of the final order and after reviewing the case pass such orders thereon as it may deem fit under this Regulation, no case is pending for which competent authority has called for the records.

'List of Pesticides to control Aquatic Weeds'

2715. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any list of pesticides which can or cannot be used to control aquatic weeds or weeds growing along the banks of water courses has been prepared in U.K. and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor and corrective action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Registration Committee set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968 have registered 25 weedicides under the Insecticides Act, 1968. Out of these, Dalapon, Paraquat and 2, 4-D are effective in controlling the aquatic weeds. No negative list is prescribed by the Registration Committee for pesticides which cannot be used for a particular pest problem. The Government is however not aware of any such list prepared in U.K.

Assessment of Employment Guarantee Scheme

2716. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Committees had been set up at the State, District and Taluka levels to oversee the working of Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) of Maharashtra since 1972;

(b) whether these special committees have been giving any reports on misdirection and misuse of EG scheme in order to deprive the workers of the

Minimum Wages for road construction work etc.; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a National High Powered Evaluation Committee to assess the working of Employment Guarantee Scheme to consider pros and cons for its introduction in other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) According to the information furnished by the Maharashtra Government, District Employment Guarantee Committee in every district and a Panchayat Samiti Employment Guarantee Committee in every Panchayat Samiti area has been constituted under the provisions of the Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Act, 1977 (Act No. XX of 1978) which came into effect from January 1979. Besides, Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Council has also been constituted at the State level under the provisions of the Act for periodical review and supervision of the implementation of the Act. In addition, there is one Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) committee appointed by legislature for inspecting and evaluating EGS work and to point out shortcomings in implementation of EGS and suggest remedies thereon.

(b) The Committees at the District and Samiti level do not give any report on misdirection and misuse of Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) or on malpractices in payment of wages to labourers. However, the members of these committees in their individual capacity, members of public as well as labourers and their organisations and State level committees report malpractices on employment guarantee scheme work to Government from time to time and Government take action on these complaints.

(c) No, Sir.

2717. [*Transferred to the 4th September*, 1990].

ESI Health Benefits

2718 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the total labour force in India including those in small, rural and unorganised sectors covered by the ESI health benefits; and

(b) what steps are being contemplated to extend these benefiets to those not yet covered?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) About 2.64 per cent.

(b) The ESI Scheme is already being extended in a phased manner, to new areas/sectors of employment depending on the concentration of coverable employees, for whom viable medical arrangement can be made by the State Governments.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम की पटना स्थित शाखा में अनियमितताएं

2719. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खाद्य निगम के पटना क्षेत्र के सीनियर मैनेजर ने परिवहन से संबंधित कार्य को अनुचित ढंग से अपने कुछ चहेते ठेकेदारों को दे दिया है और वह उनसे कमीशन भी ले रहा है।

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि श्रम संघों को खराब बना दिया है जिससे कार्य में अड़चनें आ रही हैं यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) परिवहन कार्य के लिए गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्राप्त हुई सभी निविदाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और उन ठेकेदार